

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, November 19, 2003 – 8:00 a.m. – Rooms 414/416 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Leonard M. Blackham, Senate Chair
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart, House Chair
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. Chad E. Bennion
Rep. Greg J. Curtis
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. Ty McCartney
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Gordon E. Snow
Rep. Michael R. Styler
Rep. David Ure

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Thad LeVar, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Clay Hatch, Information Consultant

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the committee secretary, Clay Hatch, at 538-1032.

1. Committee Business

Chair Blackham called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

MOTION: Representative Donnelson moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2003, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Multi-State Process: Cost Allocation Report

Andrea Kelly, PacifiCorp, continued the discussion of the multi-state process that was initiated at the September 2003 meeting. The proposal for cost allocation called the *MSP Solution* was introduced and its objectives and elements were briefly described. Ms. Kelly reported that the *MSP Solution* had been filed in four states in September.

Dr. Laura Nelson, Division of Public Utilities, discussed the work done by PacifiCorp in the multi-state process. She testified that the process leading up to the adoption of the MSP protocol was open and involved stakeholders whose interests are in the success of this effort. Dr. Nelson testified that the Division is still analyzing the two resource endowments, hydro and coal, proposed by PacifiCorp and has not yet made judgments on the merits of this approach. She also complimented PacifiCorp on structuring a process for continuing dialogue which will facilitate discussion of energy-related issues over the long term.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

3. Internet Privacy Legislation

Representative Wayne Harper presented his bill, Governmental Internet Information Privacy Act. The bill would set guidelines for the collection of personal identifiable information by a governmental entity. The bill would also provide standards and guidelines for the posting of personal identifiable information on a court web site.

MOTION: Representative Donnelson moved that the bill presented to the committee by Representative Harper, Governmental Internet Information Privacy Act, be sent to the general session of the Legislature in 2004 as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. (Absent when the vote was taken: Senators Dmitrich and Valentine; and Representatives Becker, Curtis, Goodfellow, and McCartney)

Representative Harper presented a second bill, Internet Privacy Act, for information only. After a brief description of the bill's content and purpose, he requested that Committee members review the bill and contact him with questions and concerns.

Mr. Douglas Foxley commented on the Internet Privacy Act.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

4. Energy Policy Task Force

Senator Leonard Blackham reported on this interim's work by the Energy Policy Task Force. He highlighted four public policy issues on which the Task Force focused: electrical generation, status of the natural gas market, PacifiCorp's procurement process, and renewable energy incentives. Senator Blackham also reviewed legislation proposed by the Task Force: Sales and Use Taxes-Exemption for Energy Related Equipment and Machinery.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

5. Wireless Telephone Number Portability

Mr. Thad LeVar gave an overview and update on federal requirements for wireless telephone number portability.

Mr. Ingo Henningsen, Division of Public Utilities, spoke to the issue of wireless local number portability and the pending implementation on November 24 in the Salt Lake, Bountiful, and Ogden areas.

6. Blue Stakes

Mr. Ray Butcher, Questar Corporation, introduced Mr. Gary Hansen, Executive Director of Blue Stakes of Utah.

Mr. Hansen made an informational presentation about the Blue Stakes operation in Utah which highlighted its history, purpose, challenges, and process.

Committee discussion and questions followed.

7. State of Telecommunications Annual Report

The State of Telecommunications Annual Report was distributed, and Senator Blackham announced that it would also be discussed at the Utah Technology Commission on Thursday, November 20, 2003.

8. Committee Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Representative Bennion moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Blackham adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.